

REMARKS

Applicants timely submitted, on December 23, 2003, a fully-responsive Reply to the Office Action of July 2nd. Upon review, Applicants noted an error at page 17 of the Reply. Specifically, the penultimate sentence of the second paragraph under subsection "(i)" at page 17 should read:

"By contrast, the distinct chromosome fragments of the presently claimed recombinant chromosome, *e.g.*, ~~the SC20 fragment~~ **fragments from chromosome #14 and chromosome #22**, *had not been* adjacently located."

Applicants appreciate this opportunity to clarify and correct this inadvertent error. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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